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Joe GRAY et al.

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CHROMOSOMAL DNA EMPLOYING
NUCLEIC ACID PROBES

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182, Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of the Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent 5,447,841 filed in this case on August 6, 1999. At the time the Terminal Disclaimer was filed, the claims in the present case were subject to single rejection: an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent 5,447,841. It was believed by Applicants, and their undersigned representative, that the filing of that Terminal Disclaimer would place the application in condition for allowance, and prompt issuance. However, prosecution was reopened, with new rejections of the claims, and subsequent amendment of the claims by Applicants. Applicants submit that, in view of these amendments, a rejection of the present claims over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent 5,447,841 is unsustainable.

This Petition accompanies Applicants' Brief on Appeal. It is believed that favorable resolution of the appeal on Applicants' behalf will remove the need for the Terminal

Disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Terminal Disclaimer is respectfully requested.

The petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(h) accompanies this paper. No further fees are believed to be due by this paper; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any further fees required, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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